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P E M B R O K E R U R A L D I S T R I C TANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1953

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1953.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population, (Registrar General's Estimate) 1953

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	Pembroke R.D. 1953	Pembroke R.D. 1952	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	16.8	16.8	16.7	15.5
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	9.3	11.7	11.74	11.4
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	28.3	38.1	25.3	26.8
<u>Causes of Death</u>			<u>M.</u>	<u>E.</u>
Total (all causes)			29	30
Respiratory Tuberculosis			2	1
Cancer (all forms)			5	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system			3	2
Coronary disease, angina			4	4
Hypertension with heart disease			1	-
Other heart disease			6	2
Other circulatory disease			-	1
Influenza			-	1
Pneumonia			-	3
Bronchitis			1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system			-	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum			1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis			-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate			2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion			-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases			2	6
Motor vehicle accidents			2	1
All other accidents			-	1

The Birth-rate is approximately the same as that for the County of Pembroke, but the Death-rate is appreciably lower. 64% of the total deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, and 27% of the total were over 80 years of age. Diseases of the heart and circulation were the cause of 28.8% of the deaths, while 12% were due to cancer.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is considerably lower, but still slightly above the rate for the whole country. There were three deaths of infants under one year of age, two due to prematurity, and one to bronch-pneumonia in a child born with a congenital defect of the heart.



NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Measles	19	Pneumonia	7	Whooping Cough	8
Scarlet Fever	3	Poliomyelitis	1		

Four of the cases of pneumonia were admitted to the Meyrick Hospital, and were thought to be cases of virus pneumonia. They made a good recovery. The case of Poliomyelitis was admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble.

TUBERCULOSIS

Five cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified, three of which were admitted to Hospital during the year. One case previously notified was also admitted.

Two cases of non-respiratory Tuberculosis were also notified, one of which was admitted to Hospital. The milk supply was investigated in these two cases, both by the Public Health Laboratory, and the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, with negative results in both instances.

There was no Mass Radiography carried out during the year; but it is anticipated that the Mass Radiography Unit will visit the County in the Autumn of 1954.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records of vaccinations performed were received as follows:-

Primary Vaccinations	22.	Secondary Vaccinations	2.
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IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Primary Immunisations	57	Reinforcing Injections	2
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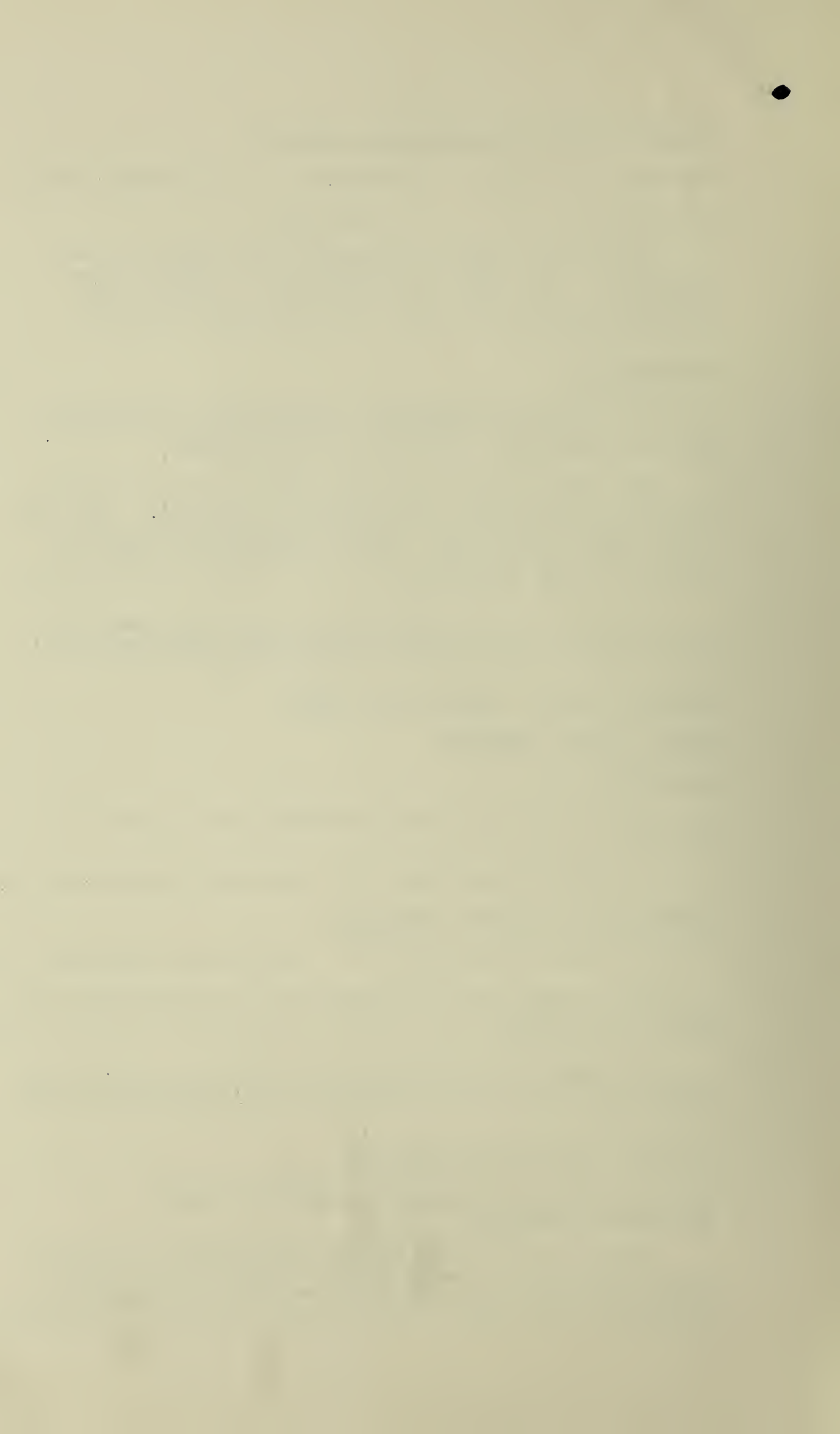
Both vaccination and immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners, and records are paid for by the County Council.

The number of immunisations has increased considerably during the year, and it is hoped that this increase will be maintained.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

Several cases of old people living alone were investigated, but with the co-operation of the Welfare Officer and District Nurse, it was found possible to make adequate arrangements for their welfare without recourse to statutory action.



WATER SUPPLY

During 1953, the extension of the water main from Hcdgeston to Lamphey was completed. The whole of Lamphey village is now supplied by the Council's mains, and the old private supply disconnected.

Details of the water supply are as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Houses Connected</u>	<u>Standpipes</u>
Angle	4	6
Bosherston	14	-
Carew	101	19
Castlemartin	28	4
Cosheston	71	4
Hodgeston	8	2
Hundleton	34	7
Lamphey	103	8
Manorbier	140	12
Nash	5	2
Penally	86	4
Redberth	17	2
Rhoscrowther	16	-
Stackpole	50	-
St.Florence	59	-
St.Twynnels	8	-
St.Petrox	3	-
Tenby Out Liberty	72	4
Warren	5	1

Samples of water sent for bacteriological examination during the year were:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Taken from Mains	8	2
Taken from private supplies, springs etc.	2	5

SEWERAGE

Although the main part of the sewerage scheme for Milton was completed in 1952, connections to the sewer are not yet complete.

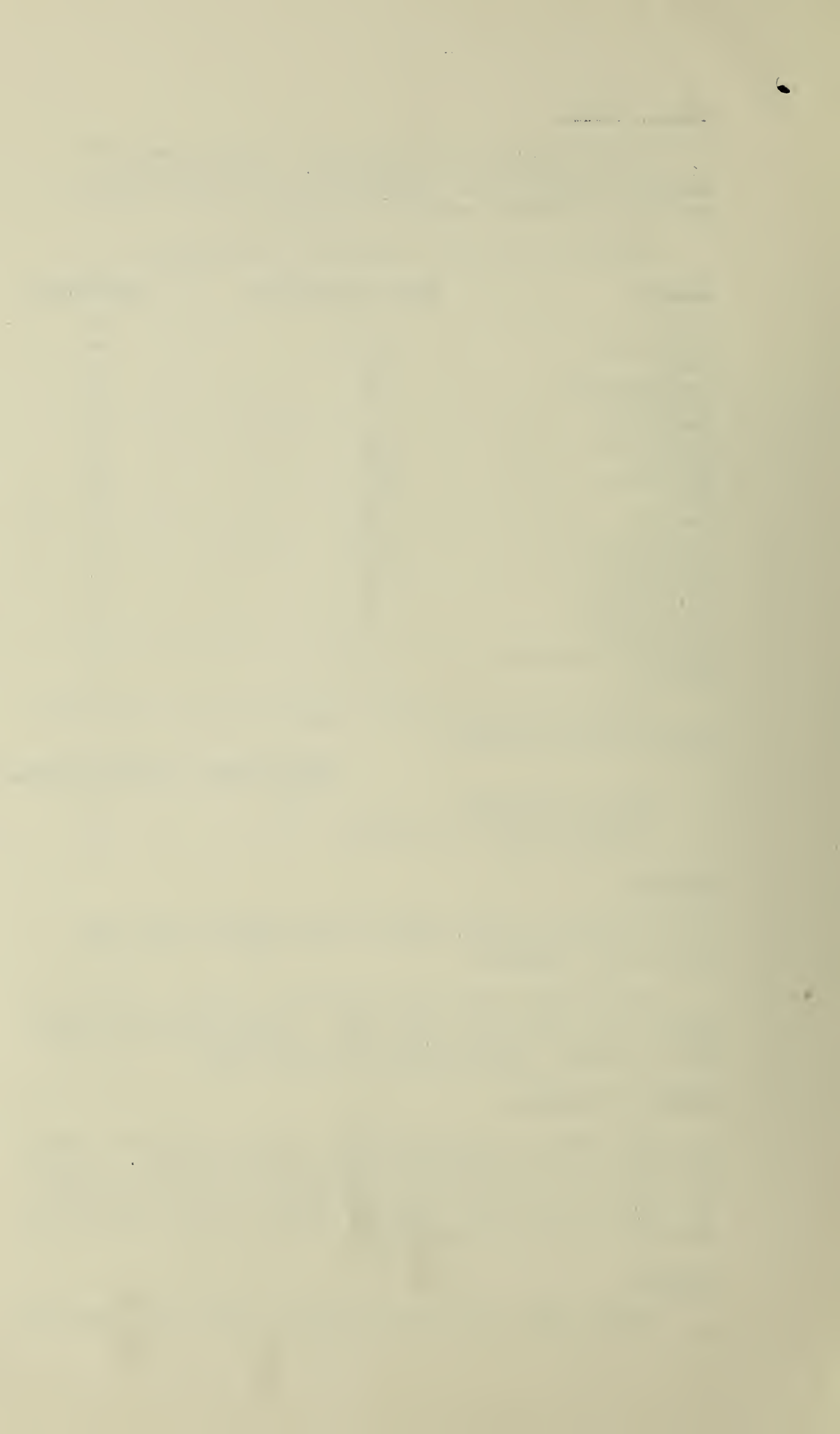
Preliminary work on the Manorbier sewerage scheme was commenced at the end of the year. Sewage disposal plants in the various housing sites were maintained by the emptying of sludge, and functioned satisfactorily.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council does not collect refuse, except by providing bins for tins and bottles in all the villages. These are emptied and cleaned out regularly, but many complaints are still received because householders persist in filling them with refuse which could be burned, thereby making more frequent emptying a necessity.

HOUSING

During 1953, twelve more council houses were completed, six each in Bosherston and St.Twynnels.



CAMPING SITES

Eight sites were licenced for camping in 1953, and these were all kept in reasonably good order. Although many complaints are received, they are on the grounds of amenity rather than public health.


There is a moderate amount of scattered camping for short periods, which does not necessitate any official action.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

. M.B., B.S., D.P.H.



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Particulars of Sanitary Inspector's Work

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts.)	54
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	35
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	37
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	22

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	2
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No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners)	2
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Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	4
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No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners)	4
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Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
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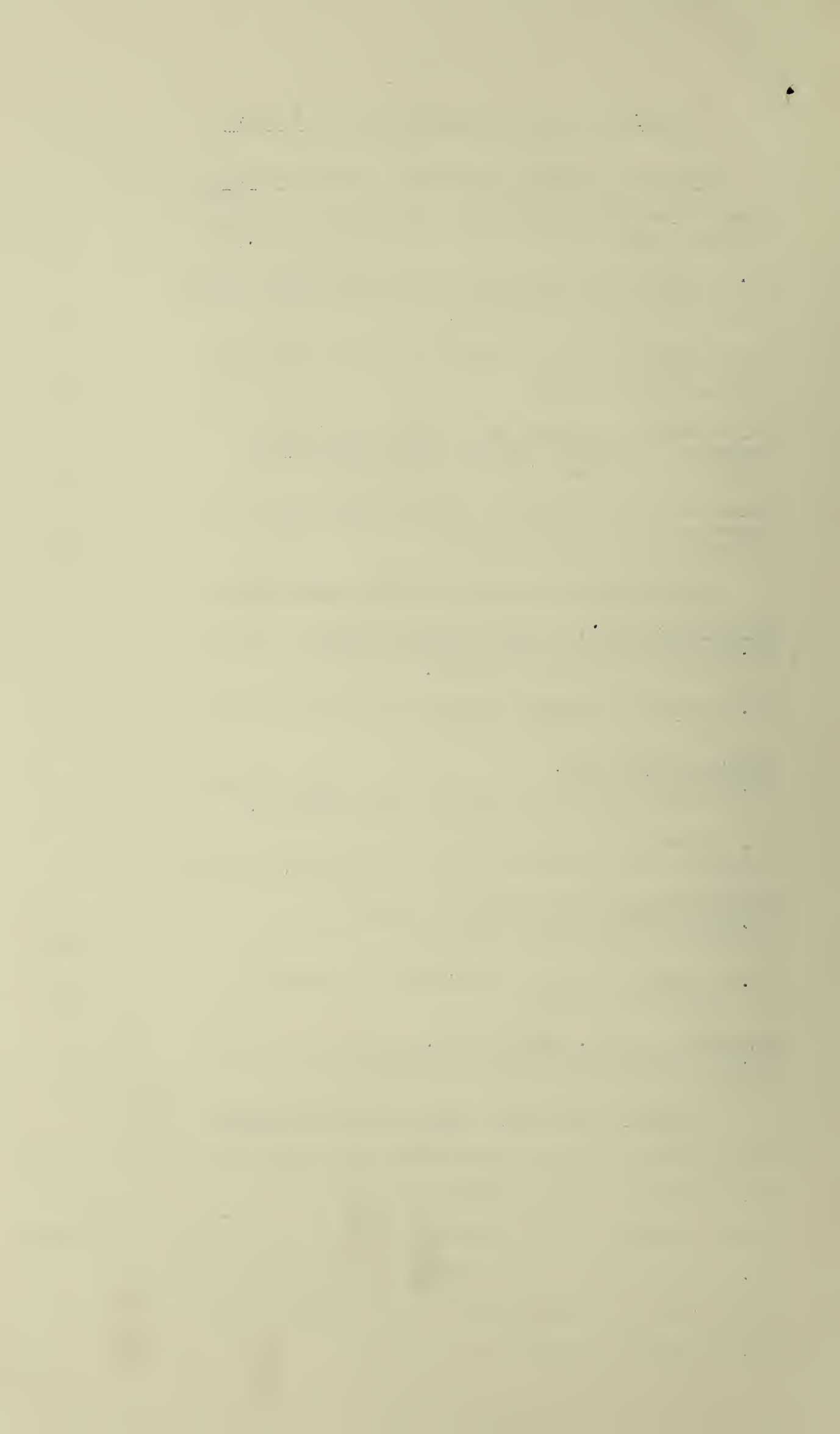
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	Nil
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Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil
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HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	Not known
No. of persons dwelling therein	Not known
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	2
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	4
No. of persons concerned in such cases	16



SANITARY INSPECTION

No. of complaints received	64
No. of defects or nuisances discovered	25

Summary of Inspections

Dwelling houses:-

No. of inspections arising from housing applications	27
No. of inspections under Housing Act, 1936.	14
No. of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants	Nil
No. of inspections under Public Health Act.	30

Drainage	21
Infectious Disease Enquiries and Disinfections	12
Tents, Vans, Sheds and Camps etc.	36
Schools	25
Factories (including bakehouses)	44
Shops (including ice-cream premises)	10
Refuse disposal - Bins etc.	21
Water supplies	109
Miscellaneous	59

No. of Notices Served

Preliminary:	Housing	24
	Other	18
Statutory:	Housing	6
	Other	Nil

Summary Action

Summonses issued	Nil	Convictions obtained	Nil
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MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

No. of Registered Dairymen	23 (All producer retailers)
No. of Inspections	Nil.

Milk Samples

No. of samples taken for bacteriological examination	
Satisfactory	10
Unsatisfactory	2

Ice Cream.

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the area. This ice-cream is sold mainly in the Borough and samples were taken by the Borough Sanitary Inspector. No complaints of unsatisfactory samples were received.

CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn:-

Stewed Steak	1.1 lb. tin.
Chocolate Spread	8x6 oz.
Blanc Mange Powder.	5x1½ czs.

RODENT CONTROL

One part-time operator was employed.

All the Local Authority's refuse bins and dumps were treated regularly, and surveys and treatment were carried out in villages when necessary.

No. of Local Authority cases dealt with during 1953. 449

No. of private cases dealt with during 1953. 23.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers</u> <u>Prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	6	10	2	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	6	9	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	25	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	17	44	2	Nil

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Sanitary Inspector.

